

Raising Our Faith

Junior Disciples (4K/5K): During Sunday Morning Mass; Labor Day - Memorial Day
 Youth Formation (Grades 1-5): Wednesdays, 3:30pm-4:30pm; Labor Day - Memorial Day
 Teen Formation (Grades 6-12): Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm; October - April
 Family Formation (Sm grp & Lg Grp): See your provided calendar
 Sacrament Preparation: Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation: See your provided calendar

MASS
 Sunday: 10:30AM
CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
 Wednesday: After 8AM Mass

Grade 1 - 5 - Snack & Recess

 As noted in the May 3 newsletter, our provided snack program has ended for Grades 1-5.
Please send your child(ren) with a snack.
 Snack & Recess time ends at 3:25pm.
 If you have any sports balls (basketball, football, soccer, etc.), we are looking for useable donations, please!

ABSENT?

Call: 608-884-3038, opt 2
Call/Text: 608-618-4340
Email: CRE@StJoeEdgerton.org

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation here at St Joseph!
 For those that don't know me, my name is Kim Jensen. I moved to Edgerton in 2010 and took this role in Summer 2021. Two full years under my belt and I have started blending St Joseph's traditions with traditions from my Catholic upbringing. As a reminder, this role is part-time, so you and the children will see me substituting in Edgerton and other local schools. The younger kids enjoy seeing me and tell their classmates where they know me from. Our little evangelizers talk to their friends all about "church school". The teens, not so much... My current policy is that I will remember their name, but I don't say where I know them from unless they prompt it first. :)

As in the years past, we have a great group of Catechists leading our children in forming their faith, but we can always use more volunteers. There are many times that our own faith grows while leading children. If you have any interest in joining our team as a classroom helper, assistant catechist, or substitute catechist please let me know!

We are continuing the weekly family letter about the lesson. Please continue to read the letter and have discussion with your child(ren) about the topics noted on the weekly letter. Newsletters are monthly and sent via Flocknote.

The major change this year is that our materials have all gone online. We will still use traditional books in person.

All Grade 1-5 families will receive an email within the coming days that will allow you access the eBook, supplemental activities, and the chapter assessments. If your child needs to be absent from class, I will let you know what chapter they are completing and you can guide them through the book and have them complete the assessment for a "Virtual" attendance mark instead of "Absent".

For Middle School, there will be a video to watch with their parents before each class. It will be sent out the weekend before we meet on that topic. They will discuss the video with their peers and leader.

High School watches their videos during class. Their material is available online, as well. ~Kim Jensen, CFF

St. Joseph's Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, September 6:** Youth Formation Meets—FIRST DAY!
- Thursday, September 7:** RCIA & Adult Confirmation 6:30PM—FIRST DAY!
- Sunday, September 10:** Junior Disciples Meet - FIRST DAY!
- Wednesday, September 13:** Youth Formation Meets
- Sunday, September 17:** **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (option 1) - 9AM - Parish Hall;** Junior Disciples Meet;
SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENT MEETING (Option 1) - After 10:30 Mass - In church
- Monday, September 18:** **SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENT MEETING (Option 2) - 5:30PM - Parish Hall**
GENERATIONS OF FAITH (option 2) - 6:30PM (Meal offered at 6pm) - Parish Hall
- Wednesday, September 20:** Youth Formation Meets
- Saturday, September 23:** Teen Fun Event - Cupcake Make, Decorate, & Pack - 4pm-7pm - Parish Hall
- Sunday, September 24:** **NO JUNIOR DISCIPLES; PARISH FESTIVAL - Volunteers Needed!**
- Wednesday, September 27:** Youth Formation Meets
- Sunday, October 1:** Junior Disciples Meet & Donut Sunday; **Wednesday, October 4:** Youth & Teen Formation Meet

Teens First Day!

Life in Christ - September 2023 Emphasis

For People Living on the Margins

This month, Pope Francis calls for the world to pray for people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

“acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being,”
~ Pope Francis

What can we do besides pray?

Prayer is for change to happen on the wider scale. We are called to act on the small scale. The Holy Spirit may guide YOU to go beyond the small scale. In our area, we should continue giving to organizations that assist those needing help, but we should also be willing to give directly to those that need it.

- The Edgerton Outreach and the School’s school supply drive put supplies into the classrooms for those families that can’t afford to buy all of the supplies.
- If you have extra school supplies at home, talk to your child’s teacher about donating them to the room.
- There will be Thanksgiving, Winter, and Christmas themed drives in the next few months. Donate time, money, or items.
- St Joseph has a perpetual food drive in our vestibule. Look for the laundry baskets by the metal doors.
- We should support changes to programs that allow marginalized populations to access support when needed.

Ultimately, our prayers this month come back to the Dignity of the Human Person. Per the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “as a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.”

Some saints who have worked tirelessly to fight for the life and dignity of the human person include:

- St. Peter Claver ministered to and affirmed the inherent worth and dignity of African slaves in Columbia.
- St. Teresa of Calcutta worked tirelessly affirming the dignity of life in the poorest and most destitute people living in the slums of India.

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” ~ Luke 16:25, NAB

This month’s family task: Talk to your children about treating others with respect even if they don’t have the newest gadget or the clothing is out of fashion or faded/torn. Start talking about donations and encourage them to start donating a portion of their earnings and blessings to support the poor.

Communion of Saints - This Month’s Celebrations

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| September 3: Saint Gregory the Great | September 19: Saint Januarius |
| September 5: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta | September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, et al |
| September 8: Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary | September 21: Feast of Saint Matthew the Evangelist |
| September 9: Saint Peter Claver | September 23: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina |
| September 12: Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary | September 26: Saints Cosmas and Damian |
| September 13: St John Chrysostom | September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul |
| September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross | September 28: Saints Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz, et al |
| September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows | September 29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael |
| September 16: Saints Cornelius & Cyprian | September 30: Saint Jerome |
| September 17: Saints Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen | October 1: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus |